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Arts funding supports tours, celebrations and the creation of new works

Thirteen projects are sharing a total of \$163,520 in arts funding in this year's spring intake of applications.

The Arts Fund is supporting 10 arts projects taking place in Whitehorse and Yukon communities. Several of the projects will result in the creation of new theatre, visual arts and dance works. The Touring Artist Fund is assisting three Yukon music and theatre projects to tour in North America.

Quotes

The Yukon government is very pleased to support organizations and artists to develop and present projects here in the territory and beyond. The artistic imagination, along with the range and quality of work, in our territory is truly outstanding. I hope all Yukoners celebrate local art, culture and creativity at performances, festivals and celebrations throughout the summer."

–Minister of Tourism and Culture Jeanie Dendys

"The Dawson City League of Lady Wrestlers collective is very excited to receive funding from the Arts Fund for our final and most ambitious feminist performance art show, *Thunderdome: the Ultimate Lady Wrestler Battle*. With this support, the collective will host a spectacular event that is community-wide and includes choreographed performances by our sister leagues in Canada and Alaska."

–Dawson City League of Lady Wrestlers artistic director Yasmine Renaud

"Along with my amazing band, I have just returned from supporting blues duo The Harpoonist and the Axe Murder on a six-week Canadian tour. With support from the Touring Artist Fund, we made new connections in the industry, promoted Yukon's vibrant arts scene and garnered national attention to Yukon music."

–Touring Artist Fund recipient, musician Ryan McNally

Quick facts

- The 13 projects that received funding were applicants to the March intakes for the Arts Fund and the Touring Artist Fund.
- There are four application intakes each year for both funds on the 15th of March, June, September and December.
- Applications are adjudicated by the Yukon Arts Advisory Council. Members are appointed by the minister to represent arts disciplines, Yukon communities and the distinct interests of First Nation artists.

Learn more: Arts Fund, Touring Artist Fund, Yukon Arts Advisory Council

See background.

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Background:

Arts Fund – March 2017 intake

Recipient	Project	Amount awarded
Borealis Soulful Urban Dance Theatre Alliance	<i>The Dark, The Cold, and The Quiet</i> , a dance theatre creation	\$20,000
Teslin Tlingit Council Heritage Department	Hà Kus Teyea Celebration	\$20,000

Friends of the Palace Grand Society	Live radio and community theatre development.	\$16,850
Kwanlin Dün Cultural Society	Täki Shakaat Artist Series	\$15,670
Larrikin Entertainment Ensemble	<i>The Syringa Tree</i> by Pamela Gien	\$15,000
Junction Arts and Music Society	Junction Artist in Residence program 2018	\$11,000
Brave New Works	Brave New Works multidisciplinary art show themed <i>Human Nature</i>	\$10,000
Paradise Music Festival Society	Paradise Music Festival	\$10,000
Yukon Plein Air Festival Collective	Yukon Plein Air Festival	\$9,000
Dawson City League of Lady Wrestlers	Dawson City League of Lady Wrestlers: Thunderdome	\$6,000
	Total:	\$133,520

Touring Artist Fund – March 2017 intake

Recipient	Project	Amount awarded
Kim Beggs	To perform and promote her 5th solo album in central and western Canada and in Nashville, Tennessee.	\$10,000
Gwaandak Theatre Society	To tour <i>Map of the Land, Map of the Stars</i> to two festivals: Talking Stick in Vancouver, BC and IMPACT 17 in Kitchener, ON.	\$10,000
Ryan McNally	To tour as the opening act for the <i>Harpoonist and the Axe Murderer</i> in 14 shows across Canada.	\$10,000
	Total:	\$30,000

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